



Increasing Efficiency and Effectiveness Through Collaboration

First Triennial Audit
of Implementing
*A Comprehensive
Monitoring Program
Strategy for California*

Audit Process

- SB 1070 and MOU require Cal/EPA Secretary, in consultation with Natural Resources Agency Secretary, to perform an audit of *Strategy* implementation
- Cal/EPA Secretary Rodriguez requested Monitoring Council to perform a self audit
- Workgroup audits reported – Dec. 2013 & Feb. 2014
 - Developed common themes, concerns, recommendations
 - Rated progress against performance measures
- Draft Audit Outline – February 2014
- Draft Audit Reports – May and September 2014
- Subcommittee of Monitoring Council vetted final draft
 - Jonathan Bishop, Paul Helliker, Sarge Green

Changes – September to December

- 💧 Overall more positive tone
 - 💧 Compare with other states, outstanding example of collaboration and access to information
- 💧 More work left to do – Support is needed...
 - 💧 To sustain and grow our successful efforts
 - 💧 To open up silos of data and information
 - 💧 To address critical management questions involving drought, climate change, wildland fires, ocean acidification, sea level rise
 - 💧 To allow portals to provide predictive data to better inform adaptive management

Changes – September to December

- 💧 Monitoring Council will take the next step
 - 💧 Workgroups will develop business plans over the next year that outline
 - 💧 Specific needs (staff positions, budgets, etc.)
 - 💧 Departmental mandates that can be addressed more effectively through collaborative workgroups and My Water Quality web portals

Changes – September to December

- 💧 Recommendations to Secretary Rodriguez
 - 💧 **Encourage** departmental directors to
 - 💧 **Support** strategy implementation
 - 💧 **Allow** staff to participate in workgroup actions
 - 💧 Use workgroup tools
 - 💧 Add services to make data accessible
 - 💧 To verify and bolster self-audit
Monitoring Council urges
formal third-party external review

Changes – September to December

- 💧 Recommendations to California Legislature
 - 💧 ***To enable continued progress, Monitoring Council and workgroups need dedicated source of funding and staff positions***
 - 💧 For workgroup coordination efforts
 - 💧 To open up environmental data systems
 - 💧 To develop and maintain portals

Approvals to Date

(Audit Report and Cover Letter)

- Monitoring Council Subcommittee
 - Jonathan Bishop
 - Paul Helliker
 - Sarge Green
- Monitoring Council Members absent today
 - Sara Aminzadeh
 - Mike Connor
 - Karen Larsen
 - Steve Weisberg